

Ford Motor Company
Domestic Branch Assembly plants
to 1957

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Ford Motor Company was first licensed to do business in the state of Washington on December 23, 1907. It wasn't, however, until 1909 that a sales and service branch of the Company was opened in rented space at 19th Avenue North and Mercer Street in Seattle.

Then, in 1913, a new Ford Branch building was constructed at the corner of Fairview and Valley Street, with Model A assembly beginning there in March, 1914. That first month, 575 cars were turned out. In August, 1916, sub-branches were opened in Spokane and Tacoma, but these were closed during World War I and did not reopen.

Ford assembly was continuous at the Seattle Branch at Fairview, except for model changeover periods. In January, 1932, however, this plant was closed, and all operations were transferred to a new Ford plant which had been erected in another part of the city.

The new Seattle Branch Assembly Plant, which was located on a deep water channel at 4735 East Marginal Way, began assembling Fords in May, 1932. But the depth of the Depression was such that only 250 units were turned out the first month. Production struggled on through the summer and fall, but in November, with less than 2,000 units completed, assembly was permanently discontinued.

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